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THE DAILY PRESS.

At Ningpo, on the 15th September, Mrs. Flora B. Lord, wife of Rev. E. C. Lord, D.D., At Ningpo, on the 17th September, Rev. Edward C. Lord, D.D., of the American Baptist Mission, aged 65 years.

At New York, on the 20th September, Henry MacCracken Abbott, infant son of Rev. R. E. Abbott, aged one year and five months.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 20th September, William Sutcliffe, late Chief Engineer, steamer *Palaua*, aged 43 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1887.

In his speech closing the Session of the Legislative Council, His Excellency the Acting Governor was able to review a satisfactory amount of legislative work accomplished, and to point to steady progress made in the various public works in course of construction. The speech itself is business-like and explicit, unadorned by flowers of rhetoric, but succinctly summing up what has been done, and clearly showing the financial position of the colony. It is gratifying to learn that this is sound, the revenue for the eight months ending August being more than a lakh greater than the estimate, while the premium on land sales, estimated at £45,000, already amount to £81,717. Those who had faith in the elasticity of the revenue therefore, have, as General CAMERON remarks, had their confidence justified. The necessity for either a further loan or a Spirit Farm has now no existence, and if, as is anticipated, the Opium Ordinance continues to work satisfactorily, we ought on the expiration of the present contract to receive a much larger annual rent for the Opium Farm, which will still further augment the revenue, and enable the Government to carry out other works and at the same time reduce the house tax, which has now for some years been at the high rate of 18 per cent. The Land Commission among other recommendations, we note, advise the reduction of this tax as soon as practicable. The growth of the revenue and the large increase in the total tonnage of shipping entering the port, as shown in the Harbour Master's report for 1886, are two very convincing proofs of the continued prosperity of the Colony, which it is to be hoped may go unchecked.

The Acting Governor passes in review the legislative work of the session, which includes the passage of nine important Ordinances, which are enumerated, but no reference is made to the Public Health Bill, which undoubtedly is the most momentous measure carried this year. This Bill was, however, only read a third time that day, and His Excellency probably modestly forebore to refer to this piece of legislation as completed though of course it was then intended to pass it through the Council. With regard to public works General CAMERON was able to announce that nearly two miles of main drains had been added to those already existing; that the Victoria College was nearing completion, and would be ready for occupation in the earlier part of next year; that though some legal difficulties had retarded the commencement of the new Central Market they had now been surmounted,

and building operations would commence in October; and that the tunnel at Tytan was now open throughout, the new Waterworks are rapidly approaching completion. A market has been provided for Hungnam at a cost of £6,000. Further representations have also been made to the Home Government on the necessity of some decision being arrived at on the *Praya Extension* question. This is a matter in which General CAMERON has always displayed great interest, and he is anxious to see the work accomplished. The reference to the defences of the Colony is very meagre, but we gather that the forts now only await the arrival of the guns in order to be completed. Why the guns do not come and why the Garrison is not increased are points on which General CAMERON—perhaps wisely—says nothing. His Excellency possibly has formed as much as any of the residents at the delays that have taken place in this matter. The guns will come some day, we suppose, and the Garrison may be increased—when there is another war scare. The War Office is nothing if not procrastinating.General CAMERON's administration is nearing its close, Sir George de Verx being due here on the 5th inst. Mr. G. & G. & Co. have appointed to fill the temporary vacancy as Acting Chief Justice caused by Sir Richard Ronnie's expected departure from Shanghai, who is to leave for home on extended furlough in the course of a few weeks. Mr. H. A. Mowat, Assistant Judge, who is shortly expected back in Shanghai from the leave of absence, is to go to the *Praya Extension* as Acting Judge of *Praya Extension*. Mr. G. & G. & Co. have appointed Mr. W. H. Hannan, late of the U. S. S. *Orpheus*, who has, it is believed, confirmed, but has not yet been confirmed, by the Admiralty, to command the *Orpheus*.The following United States Naval news is from the *Japan Herald*.—Amongst the arrivals on the 9th inst. per G. & G. & Co. was Capt. Byron Wilson, U. S. N., who relieves Capt. Matthews in command of the U. S. flag-ship *Brooklyn*. Lieut. Comdr. Perry also arrived, having been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. The *Brooklyn* has been ordered to consult upon the matter.The British corvette *Calliope*, Captain H. C. Kano, from Fusan 22nd instant, arrived here yesterday.The British corvette *Calliope*, Captain H. C. Kano, from Fusan 22nd instant, arrived here yesterday.The death is recorded in the Shanghai papers of Captain S. C. Chang, commander of the Chinese steamer *Kiang-fu*, which occurred on the 16th September. He was 40 years of age. The flag of the U. S. N. C. Co. was flying on the *Kiang-fu* at half-mast on the 16th September, a token of respect to the deceased. The *Kiang-fu* was a native of Canton, and joined the China Merchants' Company some twelve years ago as a river pilot. Since 1879, however, he had commanded a number of the Company's river boats. Captain Chang was in the China Merchants' command in the *Chung-ming* when Captain Bassett was appointed to the command of the *Kiang-fu*.The *Tientsin* correspondent writes:—One of our morning newspaper writers—The *One*—has reported that the *Shanghai* morning *Contemporary* writes:—The *One* morning question of naval and military organisation of the Empire seems—*for the present at least*—to have been settled. Something, possibly, may be done to improve and unify the Navy, as that service is almost entirely under the undisputed direction of the Viceroy Li. But the Viceroy, as regards the army, is still in a state of complete indecision. The *Contemporary* says that the army is in a state of complete disarray, and has a predominantly powerful force of *tao-ko* (rebels).Every general, colonel, major, captain and knight at arms is against change, and the business is to make the *Contemporary* believe that the *Contemporary* is correct. 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tain to respond. The Government announces that it is determined to prevent the congress, which will be the first step towards a federation of the communities.

EVICTED AT CASTLE BLARNEY.

CORK, 25th August.

An attempt at eviction failed yesterday on a suit at Cork before Mr. Sir George St. John Colthurst, Barrister, whose principal seat is nicknamed Castle Blarney. A tenant named Timothy Cleary, who had in American money would amount to about \$100, for arrears of rent and costs. The Barrister's agent offered to accept \$100 in full satisfaction, but Cleary was to surrender possession of the holding. The latter refused, and an eviction order was issued. The house, which is about 300 people, headed by the Secretary of the local branch of the National League and a band. The sheriff and bailiffs were protected by twenty policemen, in charge of the district inspector. When the latter arrived they found the house barricaded. Over the door was suspended an American flag, which, by means of repeated attacks and threats, the sheriff and his men, would dislodge at the head of the militia. After two hours' work the bailiffs forced entrance, but were assaulted with stones and mops dipped in boiling water. After two hours' fruitless effort, proceedings were abandoned amid the cheers of the National League present.

FATAL YACHTING ACCIDENT.

LONDON, 26th August.

The excursion yacht *Monarch* was capsized by a squall in the Bristol Channel to day and fifteen persons drowned.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, 27th August.

Apertures have been opened for the Crown Prince Frederick William at the hotel *Pelicans* in the Tyrol. The Crown Prince arrived there on September 2nd and stays a fortnight.

Baron Nathaniel Rothchild has been ordered to leave Vienna for making insulting remarks about the Archduke Charles Louis, brother of the Emperor.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO KILL THE Czar.

LONDON, 26th August.

It is reported that a fresh attempt to kill the Czar was made on the 20th inst. A nihilist, disguised as an officer of the guards, approached the Imperial carriage, on a journey from St. Petersburg to Krasnoyarsk, and fired a revolver twice. The first shot missed the Czar, but the second perforated his coat.

THE Czar IN DENMARK.

COPENHAGEN, 27th August.

The Czar and Czarina and family arrived yesterday in the Russian imperial yacht. The trip from St. Petersburg was prolonged by fog. King Christian, King George, Queen and several members of the Royal Danish family went out to meet the visitors in the Danish royal yacht. A number of Danish ironclads met the imperial visitors in the offing and escorted them into the harbour. On arriving they were received by Queen Louise, and after greetings were over were driven to Fredensborg. The city was duly decorated in honour of the Emperor and Empress. Great crowds gathered around the Imperial party as they drove through the city, and there was a general display of enthusiasm.

PARLIAMENT AND THE PROCLAMATION OF THE LEAGUE.

LONDON, 26th August.

All the Parliaments will return to London to-day, in readiness for the debate this evening. Much will be given by Gladstone, and the House of Commons will be in session to-morrow. A speech was made by an English member addressing the House, who was present expressing that the Vicerey of Ireland has proclaimed the National League a dangerous association, that an information has been addressed to Parliament to justify it, by virtue of which His Majesty's subjects are rendered liable to be punished as criminals without a jury inquiry into the nature of their acts, and that he, in the interests of such information, will not give way to the association pressed and described therein. Balfour will follow Gladstone to-night, and Sir G. Trevelyan will move to adjourn the debate in the House of Commons.

LATER.

Winnipeg, 22nd August.

Gladstone was greeted with cheers in the House of Commons this evening, when he moved his resolution. He said the Irish Vicerey, in despatching the telegram to Dublin, failed to violate any law, and that the information given to him was that information. The Irish chief had a right to know the ground on which the Government had acted. If facts were withheld the opposition must forthwith urge three propositions upon the house and government. First, that it was almost an outrage on the dignity of parliament to suppose that it was in the power of the Government to do such a thing. Second, that it did not constitute in law to the association pressed and described therein. Balfour will follow Gladstone to-night, and Sir G. Trevelyan will move to adjourn the debate in the House of Commons.

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It is stated to-day that the legislature will be promptly summoned to abolish the injunction, and especially in Ireland. Law in Ireland was still on trial, and great importance was given to the man who dominated the country, who was sympathetic with the feelings of the people. A proclamation of the league is a rear approach to a declaration of war on the Irish people. The people of Ireland generally sympathized with the league because they believed it had been their salvation. Nobody did anything for the tenants until the league was founded. The Government's first step was to proclaim the law from under the noses of the league, and performatory operations in connection with the great duty devolving upon it under the statute, that recognition of this proclamation was reduced to a mere farce. There would be nothing but an absolute unmitigated arbitrary act of the Irish executive, which was notoriously partisan. He hoped the Irish would continue to bear the pressure. They had been long to suffer. It was comical that they would now be the law through fear, but from a strong, vivid, buoyant hope, which, even at the last instant, was not damaged and which was now brighter. The Irish believed that the Government's policy had not the sanction of the British nation. The Government's foundation was slipping from under them, and their action in reference to the principles of the league showed their strength was failing.

WINNIPEG, 24th August.

Balfour said that Gladstone would have been wiser had he rested his argument on the allegation that the house were ignorant of the grounds for proclamation, rather than on the defence of the league. There was sufficient foundation to justify the proclamation in the columns of local newspapers, without going into the government's confidence. The speech of Mr. Harcourt, Balfour, and the speaker said the secretary was not bound to table confidential documents, but the case was different with official papers.

Harcourt again asked if the papers were to be tabled.

Harcourt said "no". The documents were both public and confidential papers, and his own note of the people realized the true nature and working of the league. They would support the government.

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